

# Swedbank Pension Fund V3 (Equity Strategy)

November 30, 2013

#### **Investment Principles**

Swedbank Pension Fund V3 (Equity Strategy) is a contractual investment fund founded for providing supplementary funded pension. The objective of the Fund is a long-term growth of the value of the Fund's assets by means of investing up to 100% of the assets in equity-risk securities.

#### Risk level

Lower risk	Higher risk
Typically lower rewards	Typically higher rewards

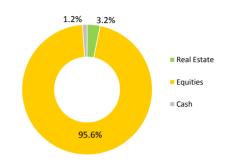
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The categories specified in the risk scale are based on the fluctuation of the value of the Fund's assets during the last five years.

10.3%

Standard deviation of returns (over the last 3 years)

#### Portfolio by instruments

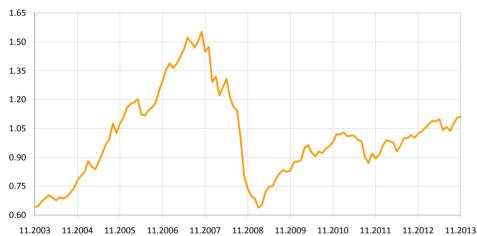


#### **General** information

Fund Management Company Swedbank Investeerimisfondid AS Fund Manager Katrin Rahe Inception 2003 Net Asset Value (NAV) 1.10980 EUR 35 578 378 EUR Net Assets Management Fee per annum 1.4% Subscription Fee 1.0% 1 0% Redemption Fee

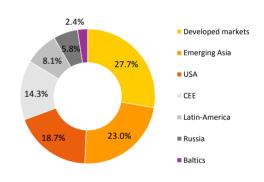
#### Fund performance\*

# \_\_\_ Net Asset Value (NAV)

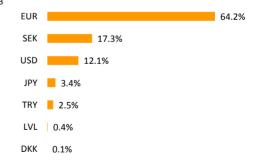


	YTD	1 month	3 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	Inception
Performance*	7.4%	0.3%	7.0%	8.4%	24.0%	13.3%	50.7%	73.3%
Annualized				8.4%	11.4%	4.2%	8.5%	5.7%
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Performance*	38.0%	22.4%	8.6%	-52.5%	25.1%	16.6%	-10.5%	13.2%

#### Equity portfolio by regions



### Portfolio by currencies



#### Largest investments TOP 10

Equity portfolio	Weight
SSGA USA Index Equity Fund	8.3%
Swedbank Robur Indexfond Asien	8.3%
Swedbank Robur Indexfond USA	8.2%
db x-trackers MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index UCITS ETF	8.1%
DB x-Trackers MSCI EM Latin Index ETF	7.8%

<sup>\*</sup> The value of fund units may rise or fall over time. The fund's historical performance does not promise or offer any indications regarding future performance.

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#### **Manager Commentary**

Swedbank's Pension Fund V3 returned 0.3% in November and 7.4% since the start of the year.

#### Market overview

November was a positive month for developed market equities, but turned out to be slightly more complicated for the equities of emerging regions. These markets were affected by the possible reduction of the Federal Reserve's Asset Purchase Program, which has once again come into focus, and economic growth in emerging countries is also weaker. The global economy as a whole clearly stayed in a growth phase. The JP Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI rose to 53.2 in November. The strong recovery of the US real estate sector continued – the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices rose by 13.3% in September year-on-year.

The policy of the Federal Reserve, especially the start of the reduction of the Asset Purchase Program, was widely discussed again. There is no clear consensus between market participants about the timing – expectations range between December this year and next June. The reduction of the Asset Purchase Program is highly likely to increase volatility on the financial markets, especially in asset classes related to emerging markets. However, we think that the wave of sales we saw in May and June is unlikely to repeat itself in the same kind of depth.

US equities achieved the best returns on the stock markets (+2.9%; all returns in euros). They were followed by Japan (+1.6%) and Europe (+1.0%). Monthly returns on the Japanese market in yens were impressive (+5.8%), but the yen weakened against the euro by more than 4.2% in November. The quantity of Japanese equities in the pension fund portfolio exceeded the neutral weight whilst the weight of European equities remained below neutral to the same extent. However, we had an underweight of the yen as a currency, i.e. we positioned towards a decrease in the value of the currency. The Baltic equity markets rose by 0.7%.

Latin America (-4.4%) and Russia (-4.2%) stood out with their particularly weak returns among emerging markets. The agreement made between the US and Iran, and the anticipation that in the long term this may lead to an increase in oil supplies by Iran and lower the oil price, had a negative impact on the Russian market. Also, Bank of America Merrill Lynch became more cautious about Russian equities than before and money did indeed start leaving Russia-oriented funds at the end of the month

The equities of emerging Asia did better – the regional index increased by 0.3% over the month. The Third Plenary Session of the Communist Party of China, which was followed by the publication of reform plans, was one of the biggest events in November. The most significant of the planned changes is giving private capital more options to invest in public undertakings, strengthening the social guarantees of workers who have moved from rural areas to cities and making important amendments to the regulation of land ownership of farmers by increasing protection of their ownership and granting them greater rights to sell the land.

The biggest surprise in Europe in autumn was the reduction of the base interest rate by the European Central Bank at the beginning of November. This is directly related to the eurozone's inflation figure in October, which was considerably lower than expected. However, reducing the interest rate may also be considered a symbolic step rather than a step that has an actual economic impact. The interest rates of the interbank overnight loans in the eurozone have been at a considerably lower level than the refinancing rate of the European Central Bank for a long time. However, the unexpected reduction of the base interest rate still caused the euro exchange rate and the interest rates of the eurozone's government bonds to decrease, at least for a short time. Over the month, the exchange rate of the euro against the dollar basically remained at the same level.

#### Short-term outlook

We will continue at the neutral equity risk level in December. The equity price level is attractive compared to government bonds, but lowering the expectations of analysts has a negative impact on market sentiment. Liquidity flows proceeding from central banks have also weakened somewhat.

In terms of regions, we still prefer Japanese equities. We reduced the weight of European equity markets and it is now below neutral. Liquidity flows in Japan are strong due to the stimulating policy of the central bank, but liquidity in Europe is relatively weak. Japanese equities are also supported by the increased profit expectations of analysts, but in Europe things seem to be going in the opposite direction. In terms of emerging markets, we prefer Russian equities to Latin American ones.

<sup>\*</sup>The commentary is an unofficial English translation of the original Estonian version. In case of any discrepancies, the text of the Estonian version shall prevail.

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